

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-11, 15-30 and 56-62 are currently pending in this application. Claims 22-30 and 61-62 have been cancelled herein. Claims 22-30 have been cancelled as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. However, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims and other wise disclosed in the specification in future continuation or divisional applications.

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of this application and the Examiner's indication that claims 7-10, 19-21 and 57-62 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form (Office Action, page 4).

As such, claims 1 and 11 have been amended and new claims 63-68 have been added. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to incorporate all the recitations of dependent claims 61 and 62, respectively, and claims 61 and 62 have been cancelled. New claim 63 parallels the recitations of claim 8 but is rewritten in independent form. New claim 64 parallels the recitations in claim 9 but is dependent on new claim 64. New claim 65 parallels the recitations of claim 10 but is rewritten in independent form. New claim 66 parallels the recitations of claim 19 but is rewritten in independent form. New claim 67 parallels the recitations in claim 20 and is dependent on new claim 64. New claim 68 parallels the recitations in claim 21 but is rewritten in independent form.

Thus, following entry of this Amendment, claims 1-11, 15-21, 56-60, and 63-68 will be pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of pending claims 1-11, 15-21, 56-60, and 63-68.

I. Change of Address

Applicants note that the Office Action dated June 2, 2006 was incorrectly mailed to the law firm of Duane Morris. The correct address should be that of JONES DAY (Customer No. 20583). Thus, please direct all future correspondence to:

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A Power of Attorney and Change of Address form will be filed under a separate cover later this week to reflect this updated information (*i.e.*, Jones Day - New York instead of Jones Day - Washington DC, which is currently on file and indicated in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system).

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 4-6, 11, 15-18 and 56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Bachtisi *et al.* (1995) *J. Microencapsulation*, 12:23-25 ("Bachtisi") (Office Action, page 3-4).

Respectfully, Applicants continue to disagree with the Examiner's opinion for the reasons of record.

However, solely in an effort to advance prosecution of the application Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 11 to incorporate the recitations in dependent claims 61 and 62, respectively, which the Examiner has deemed to be allowable (Office Action, page 4). In addition, new claims 63-68 have also been added, which are essentially identical to claims 8-10 and 18-21, which the Examiner has also deemed to be allowable (Office Action, page 4).

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

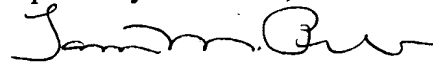
III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for immediate allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned at the number listed below.

A Petition for a One (1) Month Extension of Time, including provisions for the required fee, is submitted herewith, which extends the response period from September 2, 2006 to, and including, October 2, 2006. A Fee Transmittal Sheet is also submitted herewith, which authorizes the USPTO to deduct the \$300.00 extra claim fee (three (3) extra independent claims x \$100/each) to Jones Day Deposit Account 50-3013, which reflects Applicants' Small Entity Status.

Applicants believe no other fees are due in connection with this response. However, if there are any fees due, please charge them to Deposit Account 50-3013. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above or in the Petition filed concurrently herewith, such an extension is requested and the fee should be charged to our Deposit Account. Also, please charge any fees underpaid or credit any fees overpaid to the same Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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